

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appin. No: 10/616,274
Applicant: George Goicoechea
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Title: Bifurcated Endoluminal Prosthesis
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Examiner: Javier G. Blanco

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a submitted herewith.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), a copy of the following references are enclosed:

CA 2,086,333 ✓
CA 2,158,373 ✓
CA 2 144 305 C ✓
DE 93 19 267.3 ✓
EP 0 461 791 ✓
EP 0 466 518 ✓
EP 0 734 235 ✓
GB 1205743 ✓
GB 1491202 ✓
GB 2269104 ✓
FR 1602513 ✓
PM 1537 ✓
WO 83/03752 ✓
WO 92/06734 ✓
WO 95/08966 ✓
WO 95/16406 ✓
WO 97/09008 ✓
WO 98/27895 ✓

Notice of Opposition by Scimed Life Sciences, Inc. to European Patent No. 0 676 937 B

Opposition by William Cook Aps to European Patent No. 0 676 937 B

Verlag, "Interventional Radiology," pp. 692-699 (1990)

Yoshioka et al., "Self-Expanding Endovascular Graft: An Experimental Study in Dogs,"
AJR 15: pp. 673-676 (1988)

U.S. App. 08/051,728

Official Action in Canadian Application No. 2,182,982, issued by the Canadian Intellectual
Property Office on March 30, 2006

Reference FR 1602513 is not in the English language. An English language translation of
FR 1602513 is attached to the French language reference.

References CA 2,086,333, CA 2,158,373, and CA 2 144 305 C were cited by a foreign
patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of this English language Official
Action, indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office is submitted
herewith.

The remaining foreign references and publications are not enclosed pursuant to 37
C.F.R. 1.98(d) because they are believed to have been previously submitted in an Information
Disclosure Statement filed in U.S. Application No. 08/312,881, which is relied on for an earlier
effective filing date in the present application under 35 U.S.C. 120.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's
consideration of the subject application, their submission is not intended to constitute an
admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

Table 1, below, identifies those references that are listed on the presently submitted PTO
1449 (RP), that have not been submitted previously in this application, and that have been
applied by the USPTO or a foreign patent office in a related application (by virtue of a common
priority claim).

Table 1.

Document Number	Date	Name
3,657,744	04/25/1972	Ersek
4,140,126	02/20/1979	Choudhury
4,545,082	10/08/1985	Hood
4,994,071	02/19/1991	MacGregor
5,064,435	11/12/1991	Porter
5,135,536	08/04/1992	Hillstead
5,304,200	04/19/1994	Spaulding

5,314,472	05/24/1994	Fontaine
5,354,308	10/11/1994	Simon et al.
5,354,309	10/11/1994	Schnepp-Pesch
5,364,354	11/15/1994	Walker et al.
5,366,504	11/22/1994	Anderson et al.
5,370,683	12/06/1994	Fontaine
5,387,235	02/07/1995	Chuter
5,389,106	2/14/1995	Tower
5,397,345	03/14/1995	Lazarus et al.
5,405,377	04/11/1995	Cragg
5,429,144	07/04/1995	Wilk
5,443,497	08/22/1995	Venbrux
5,464,449	11/07/1995	Ryan et al.
5,489,295	02/06/1996	Piplani et al.
5,562,724	10/08/1996	Vorwerk et al.
5,562,726	10/08/1996	Chuter
5,562,728	10/08/1996	Lazarus et al.
5,571,170	11/05/1996	Palmaz et al.
5,575,817	11/19/1996	Martin
5,639,278	06/17/1997	Dereume et al.
5,683,448	11/04/1997	Cragg
5,725,572	03/10/1998	Lam
5,800,456	09/01/1998	Maeda et al.
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CA 2,158,373	10/27/1994	Pharmacyclics, Inc.
CA 2 144 305 C	02/02/1995	Cook Incorporated
EP 0466518	01/15/1992	Endovascular Tech. Inc.
EP 0480667	04/15/1992	Cook Incorporated
EP 0481365	04/22/1992	Angiomed AG (DE)
EP 0536164	04/14/1993	Schneider Inc.
EP 0540290	05/05/1993	Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.
EP 0556850	08/25/1993	Endotech Ltd
GB 2269104	02/02/1994	Taha R. Lazim
FR 2678508	01/08/1993	Celsa LG Societe Anonyme
DE 4303181 A1	08/11/1994	Angiomed AG (DE)
WO 92/00043	01/09/1992	Schneider (USA) Inc.
WO 92/06734	04/30/1992	Ho Young Song
WO 93/13825	07/22/1993	Munehiro Maeda et al.

Table 2, below, identifies all references, including previously submitted references and references submitted herewith that have been applied by the USPTO or a foreign patent office in an application related to the subject application (by virtue of a common priority claim). Thus, Table 2 includes among its identified references those previously listed in above Table 1.

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CA 2,158,373	10/27/1994	Pharmacyclics, Inc.
CA 2 144 305 C	02/02/1995	Cook Incorporated
EP 0421729	04/10/1991	Medtronic Inc
EP 0423916	04/24/1991	Cook, Inc.
EP 0466518	01/15/1992	Endovascular Tech. Inc.
EP 0480667	04/15/1992	Cook Incorporated
EP 0481365	04/22/1992	Angiomed AG (De)
EP 0508473	10/14/1992	Endovascular Tech Inc
EP 0536164	04/14/1993	Schneider USA Inc
EP 0539237	04/28/1993	Cook, Inc.
EP 0540290	05/05/1993	Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.
EP 0556850	08/25/1993	Endotech Ltd
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FR 2678508	01/08/1993	Celsa LG Societe Anonyme
DE 4303181 A1	08/11/1994	Angiomed AG (DE)
JP 3076554	04-02-1991	Sanyo Shokuhin KK
JP HO3-151983	06-28-1991	Medtronic Inc.
JP HO5-305092	11-19-1993	Cook, Inc.
JP HO6-02301	02-01-1994	Endovascular Technologies, Inc.
JP 7501476	02-16-1995	Schneider (USA) Inc.
WO 89/08433	09-21-1989	Lazarus
WO 92/00043	01/09/1992	Schneider (USA) Inc.
WO 92/06734	04/30/1992	Ho Young Song
WO 93/13825	07/22/1993	Munehiro Maeda et al.
WO 93/19703	10-14-1993	Schneider (USA) Inc.

Applicants would also like to direct the Examiner's attention to the related applications and patents listed in Table 3, below. In light of the proscription against double patenting, the contents of these applications and patents may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration.

Table 3.

<i>Application</i>	<i>Date Filed</i>	<i>Patent No. or Publication No.</i>	<i>Applicant(s) Name</i>
08/312,881	9/27/1994	pending	Goicoechea et al.
08/315,763	10/4/94	5,609,627	Goicoechea et al.
08/461,402	6/5/1995	pending	Cragg et al.
08/461,513	6/5/1995	5,716,365	Goicoechea et al.
08/461,514	6/5/1995	5,693,086	Goicoechea et al.
08/462,272	6/5/1995	5,776,180	Goicoechea et al.
08/463,981	6/5/1995	5,800,508	Goicoechea et al.
08/463,987	6/5/1995	pending	Goicoechea et al.
08/463,991	6/5/1995	5,718,724	Goicoechea et al.
08/465,653	6/5/1995	5,683,450	Goicoechea et al.
08/662,484	6/13/1996	5,916,263	Goicoechea et al.
08/960,282	10/29/1997	6,051,020	Goicoechea et al.
08/961,548	10/30/1997	5,938,696	Goicoechea et al.
09/020,749	2/9/1998	6,117,167	Goicoechea et al.
09/313,593	5/18/1999	6,302,906	Goicoechea et al.
09/317,102	5/21/1999	6,165,213	Goicoechea et al.
09/387,696	8/31/1999	Pending	Goicoechea et al.
09/427,310	10/26/1999	Pending	Goicoechea et al.
09/977,826	10/15/2001	2002-0019659	Goicoechea et al.
10/616,274	7/9/2003	2004-0106979	Goicoechea et al.
10/682,483	10/9/2003	2004-0073287	Goicoechea et al.
10/692,886	10/24/2003	2004-0098086	Goicoechea et al.
10/703,659	11/7/2003	2004-0098115	Goicoechea et al.
10/784,378	2/23/04	2004-0167599	Goicoechea et al.

Finally, with respect to Applicant's claim of priority, Applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI), dated July 27, 2001, in Interference No. 104,192 and the Memorandum Opinion and Final Judgment of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia dated March 31, 2006 (Civil Action No. 01 CV 2015). Copies of the BPAI decision, the Memorandum Opinion, and the Final Judgment are attached.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: PTO Forms SB/08a and SB/08b
24 References
BPAI Decision Interference No. 104,192
Memorandum Opinion and Final Judgment
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		US-3,304,557	02/21/1967	S. Polansky	
		US-3,500,820	03/17/1970	T. H. O. Almen	
		US-3,657,744	04/25/1972	Ersek	
		US-3,805,301	04/23/1974	Liebig	
		US-3,868,956	03/04/1975	Alfidi et al.	
		US-3,878,565	04/22/1975	Sauvage	
		US-3,890,977	06/24/1975	Wilson	
		US-3,996,938	12/14/1976	Clark, III	
		US-4,130,904	12/26/1978	Whalen	
		US-4,140,126	02/20/1979	Choudhury	
		US-4,149,911	04/17/1979	Clabburn	
		US-4,202,349	05/13/1980	Jones	
		US-4,214,587	07/29/1980	Sakura, Jr.	
		US-4,306,318	12/22/1981	Mano et al.	
		US-4,425,908	01/17/1984	Simon	
		US-4,494,531	01/22/1985	Gianturco	
		US-4,503,569	03/12/1985	Dotter	
		US-4,512,338	04/23/1985	Balko et al.	
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		EP 0 145 166	06/19/1985	Raychem Corp.		<input type="checkbox"/>
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		EP 0 466 518 ✓	01/15/1992	Endovascular Tech. Inc.		<input type="checkbox"/>

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		US-4,553,545	11/19/1985	Maass et al.	
		US-4,560,374	12/24/1985	Hammerslag	
		US-4,577,631	03/25/1986	Kreamer	
		US-4,580,568	04/08/1986	Gianturco	
		US-4,617,932	10/21/1986	Kornberg	
		US-4,649,922	03/17/1987	Wiktor	
		US-4,655,771	04/07/1987	Wallsten	
		US-4,665,906	05/19/1987	Jervis	
		US-4,665,918	05/19/1987	Garza et al.	
		US-4,681,110	07/21/1987	Wiktor	
		US-4,728,328	05/01/1988	Hughes et al.	
		US-4,729,766	03/08/1988	Bergentz et al.	
		US-4,732,152	03/22/1988	Wallsten et al.	
		US-4,733,665	03/29/1988	Palmaz	
		US-4,739,762	04/26/1988	Palmaz	
		US-4,762,128	08/09/1988	Rosenbluth	
		US-4,768,507	09/06/1988	Fischell et al.	
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